

TESTIMONY
EXECUTIVE & LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Good afternoon Chairman Looney, Chairwoman Janowski, members of the committee. Thank you for the opportunity to interview for the vacant position on the CRRA Board of Directors created by the resignation of former Torrington First Selectman Ryan Bingham.

My name is Ralph Eno. I am First Selectman in the Town of Lyme and have served in this capacity for almost 20 years. One of the primary responsibilities for any municipal CEO is to make sure that the Municipal Solid Waste generated within our borders is disposed of in both an environmentally sound and cost effective fashion.

Lyme has been a CRRA client town since its inception and recently renewed its service agreement with the Authority for another 15 years. During the renewal negotiation process, I had the opportunity to examine the Authority's operation in considerable detail as well as compare its offer with competitors from the private sector. As a result, I have a fairly comprehensive understanding of the organization, enhanced by my interim service on the Board of Directors. My opportunity to serve also restores some geographic balance to the board's composition which presently consists of a number of members from northern and mid-state towns.

CRRA is presently in the transition mode as Connecticut readies itself for development of new technologies to handle MSW disposal in the years ahead. I would welcome the opportunity to be a part of that process so that my region and the state as a whole are afforded the most environmentally advanced and cost effective tools to deal with one of the biggest responsibilities facing all our cities and towns.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I would be happy to try to answer any questions you may have.